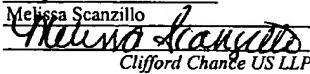


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Sir:

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after a Notice of Allowance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d). As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d) and (e), the undersigned states that each item contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed thereon.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry into the record of this application and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

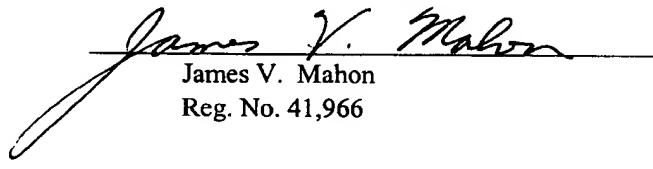
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Also enclosed is a Partial European Search Report issued on February 17, 2003 for a foreign counterpart of the present patent application, in which the presently disclosed references were cited. Since a translation of the Search Report is also enclosed, it is believed that the applicants in the above-identified patent application have now met the "concise explanation" requirement of 35 C.F.R. 1.98.

As set forth in §1.17(p), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$180.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0521. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0521.

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